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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE perwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) E0295.70190US00 **FY 2005** (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Filed December 9, 2003 **Application Number** 10/731,790-Conf. #4910 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA RETENTION IN A STORAGE SYSTEM Examiner O..Oni Art Unit 2168 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Small Entity Fee Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 \$ \$450 \$225 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) 1,020.00 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1020 \$510 \$ \$795 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1590 \$1080 \$ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2160 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 23/2825 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 Signature Richard F. Giunta (617) 646-8000 Telephone Number Typed or printed name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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